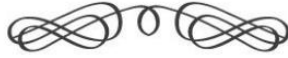




# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*



**January 5, 2020 8:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

## **WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY**

Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

**If you are new to Holy Trinity, please turn the next page for more information.**



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# Worship Information

**A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!** Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

**Children: We love having children worship with us!** We invite parents or caregivers to sit with their child(ren) around one of our children's worship tables where they can be a part of our service and engaging in quiet activities. If your child gets restless, an usher can show you and your children to our fully staffed **Wiggle Room (Nursery)** where your children can play until they are able to return. **One of the attendants will give you a pager in case your child needs you.**

**Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table!** We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a pastoral blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will bless you instead.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available at the usher's stand, or can be filled out using our website under the **Need Help** page. Simply hand your prayer request to the Pastor or an usher.

**Worship Photos & Videos** may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

**Personal Hearing Systems** are available from an usher for anyone who has difficulty hearing and understanding the service. **Visual Problems?** In addition to the large print bulletins, we can offer you bulletins on your tablet or smartphone. See the Church Office for details.

**Missed Last Week's Service?** Our weekly Sermon is available to listen on our website, **htelc.com**, under Worship, and Recent Sermons. Subscribe to our podcast on iTunes & Stitcher.

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**Cheryl Brigham**, CaringConnections

**Ron Indorf**, Domestic Social Ministry

**Kurt Kasik & Cristina Dolcino**, International Social Ministry

**David Mercer**, Property Team

# Today at Holy Trinity

**8:30 AM:** Contemporary Worship **9:30 AM:** Fellowship **11:00 AM:** Traditional Worship

Worship Assistants		
	8:30 Contemporary Service	11:00 Traditional Service
<b>Musical Director</b>	Jon Koelker	Ken Galle
<b>Musical Accompanist</b>	Jonathan Bock	Jonathan Bock
<b>Liturgical Deacon</b>	Tom Bernth	Russ Hilliard
<b>Lector</b>	Vicky Krick	Lara Scammon
<b>Acolyte</b>	Evelina Roberts	Annika Clemmons
<b>Ushers</b>	Scott & Leslie Carson	Alice & Franklyn Vosburg
<b>Counters</b>	Angrin Sihombing & Lois Laurence	Paul & Jackie Karl
<b>Greeters</b>	Susan Bock & Tracy Barry	Jerry & Jill Schock
<b>Roving Greeter</b>	Fran Mallon	Larry Sanders
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Jo Whiting	Ken Galle
<b>Sound System</b>	Tommy Monareh	Rey Bororing
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Shaw	Rani Marcus
<b>Coffee Set Up</b>	Scott Carson	
<b>Coffee Clean Up</b>	Joan & Steve Bauer	

This Week At Holy Trinity			
Day	Date	Start	Event
Tuesday	1/7	04:00 PM	8:30 Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	1/8	09:30 PM	Bible Study
		<b>06:00 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Worship</b>
Thursday	1/9	09:00 AM	Property Team
		05:30 PM	Bell Choir
Sunday	1/12	<b>08:30 AM</b>	<b>8:30 Sunday Worship</b>
		10:00 AM	11:00 Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 AM	Reconciling in Christ Forum
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 Sunday Worship</b>

Last Week at Holy Trinity		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Tuesday, December 24	<b>140</b> (4:00 PM), <b>206</b> (8:00 PM), <b>56</b> (10:30 PM) = <b>402</b>	<b>\$9,044.35</b>
Sunday, December 29	<b>57</b> (8:30) + <b>59</b> (11:00) = <b>116</b>	
<i>Offering for the week of Sunday, December 22 is \$5,906.80</i>		

**Emergency Contact Information:** Please call the church office at **(603) 436-1704** and wait for the voicemail options. When instructed, press **6**, and you will be immediately transferred to Pastor Krick's cellphone.

## Prayer Concerns

*Please include the following in your daily prayers:*

### Members & Attenders

**Health Issues:** Edna Di Nola, Leah Waldschlagel, Hazel Larson & Family, Mary Kuck, Tina Waterman, Robert & Sally Rindfleish, Susan Rindfleish, Emily Beliveau, Jackie Kohlhase, Franklyn Vosburg, Grover Marshall, Brendan Podszus, Jean Klein, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Margareta Claesson, Mark Beliveau, Pastor Linn Opderbecke.

**Homebound:** Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Everett Nelson, Carol Saufley, Shirley Bauer, Edith Rowan.

**Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

### Friends

The Vocell Family (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friends), Jamie Stevens (Jill Larson's sister), Matthew Seeley (Elinor Young's niece's partner), Kari King (Stephanie Goupil's sister), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Marion Viole (Joyce Rivore's friend), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Nancy Burpee (Dave and Joyce Rivoire's friend), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Todd Abild (Julie Moore's brother), John Barry (Tracy Barry's son), Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends), Martha Laperle (Betty King's friend)

*Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## Lectionary (Readings)

**This week:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Sirach 24:1-12;  
Psalm 147:12-20; Wisdom 10:15-21;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18

**Next week:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

## Notes on today's services

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

**(Psalm 147:12-20)** Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

**(John 1:[1-9] 10-18)** John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

## Announcements

**Upcoming Reconciling in Christ Forums:** Please find below a list of all upcoming forums for RIC. If you've missed a forum, you can find a DVD of each forum in the Church Library, under the Prayer Shawls. Some of these dates are tentative and are subject to change.

- Sun. 1/12 & Wed. 1/15: Rev. Amanda Nelson educates us on what the terms LGBTQIA and other new language means.
- Sun. 2/16 & Wed 2/19: Dr Skip Small will be here to present "A Pediatrician's understanding of LGBTQ."

**New Grounds Coffee House**, hosted by Dave Mercer's band, will be here at Holy Trinity on Friday, January 17 at 6:00 PM. Listen to local music and enjoy some light refreshments!

**Looking for a new Worship Assistant Scheduler:** After seven years, David Reinhard is retiring from his volunteer position of Worship Assistant Scheduler, and the Church Office is looking for someone to step in as his replacement. With the help of Sign Up Genius, the task isn't very difficult or time consuming, and Dave is willing to train his replacement. If you're interested, please see Mark in the Church Office.

**Annual Meeting** will be on Sunday, January 26 between our services. In preparation for our Annual Meeting, we will meet between services on Sunday, January 19 to discuss the 2020 Budget. Annual Meeting team reports are due to the Church Office by Sunday, January 19.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Second Sunday of Christmas – Sunday, January 05, 2020—8:30 a.m.*

## Gathering

### Confession & Forgiveness

— Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

—A brief silence—

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

P: Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

C: **Amen.**

## We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

## Greeting

P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.



## First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Psalm 147:12-20

L: <sup>12</sup>Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,

**C: <sup>13</sup>who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

L: <sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**C: <sup>15</sup>God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly.**

L: <sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool,  
scattering frost like ashes.

**C: <sup>17</sup>God scatters hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?**

L: <sup>18</sup>The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

**C: <sup>19</sup>God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

L: <sup>20</sup>The Lord has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all - gra - cious king.”  
The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876  
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

## Gospel

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 1 [1-18]

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as

a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

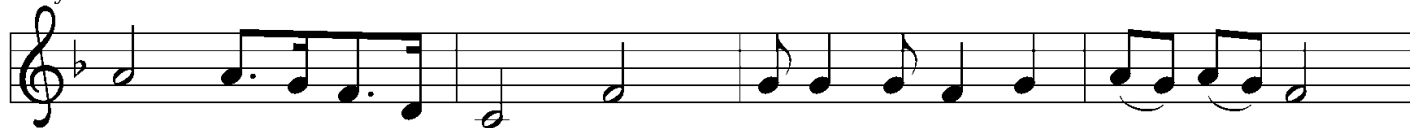
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

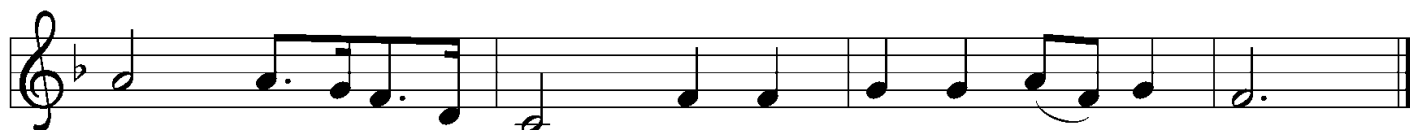
**Sermon**

**—Please be seated—**

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## Prayers of the People

LD: Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

**—A brief silence—**

LD: Holy God, you make your presence known to the church in every land. Give to us a desire and will to support the diverse work of the church throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Y: Generous Creator, in you all things came into being and without you not one thing exists. We praise you for the snow and rain that water the earth. Move us to care for the well-being of the work of your hands. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Y: Saving God, provide for your people who begin this new year in need. Grant shelter to those who are homeless, comfort to all who are lonely, and a strong sense of your presence to those who are sick. We pray especially for those whose names are said out loud or silently.

**—A brief silence—** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone

Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Sharing of God's Peace**

**P:** May the peace of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – which passes all understanding, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remember to greet the children too. You may be seated after the passing of the peace.

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

# Offertory Song

ELW 692

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## Offertory Prayer

LD: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may drink from the common cup, or you may take a pre-filled glass of non-alcoholic wine. Please put the glass in the basket at the end. If you would like to receive communion, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

### Dialogue

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**


### Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Holy, Holy, Holy:

ELW pg. 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

# Invitation to Communion

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

## Communion

— Please be seated—

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Communion Hymns:

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 276**

### Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



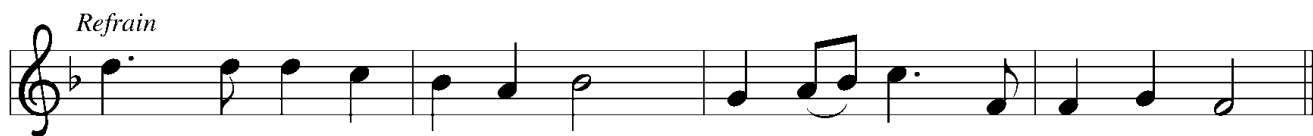
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

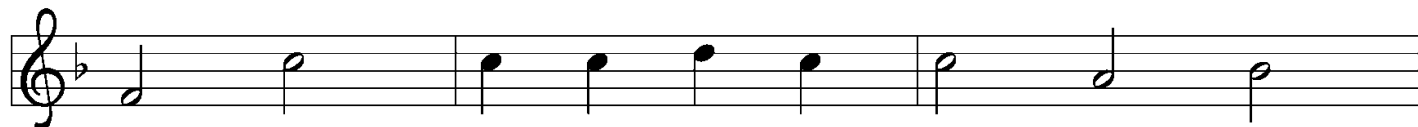
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

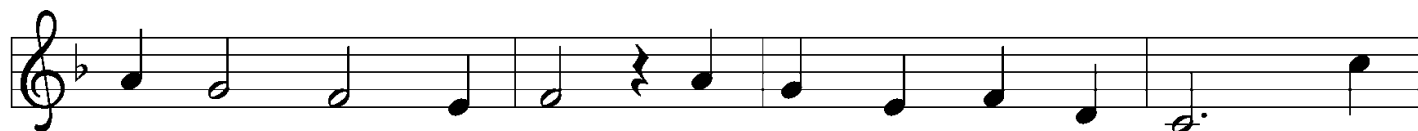
## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

## **Sending of Communion**

**— Please remain seated—**

**P:** Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Communion Blessing**

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

**—Please remain seated—**

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

### **Benediction**

**—Please stand as able—**

Please move across the aisle and join hands.

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**LD:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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